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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT FORD'S RESPONSE TO CONGRATULATIONS ON  
SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF APOLLO-SOYUZ MISSION FROM PRE-  
SIDENT TITO

1. PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING TO HIS EXCELLENCY JOSIP  
BROZ TITO, PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF  
YUGOSLAVIA. QUOTE: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: THANK YOU FOR  
YOUR MESSAGE OF GOOD WISHES AS WE CELEBRATE THE SUCCESSFUL  
CONCLUSION OF THE APOLLO-SOYUZ MISSION.

I HAVE BEEN HEARTENED BY THE POSITIVE RESULTS OF THIS FIRST  
INTERNATIONAL MANNED SPACE VENTURE AND HAVE GREAT HOPES FOR  
FUTURE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN SPACE. IN MY CONVERSA-  
TION WITH THE APOLLO AND SOYUZ CREWS AS THEY SAT TOGETHER  
ORBITING HIGH ABOVE THE EARTH, I STATED MY CONVICTION THAT,  
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THANKS TO THEIR JOINT FLIGHT, THE DAY IS NOT FAR OFF WHEN  
INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS OF THIS SORT WILL BE MORE OR LESS  
COMMONPLACE.

THE APOLLO-SOYUZ MISSION DEMONSTRATES THAT, BY COMBINING THEIR SKILLS AND INTELLECT, NATIONS OF THE WORLD HAVE ENORMOUS POTENTIAL FOR SOLVING COMMON PROBLEMS AND ATTAINING COMMON GOALS ON EARTH AS WELL AS IN SPACE. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD. UNQUOTE.

2. FYI: THE FOLLOWING WAS RECEIVED FROM PRESIDENT TITO FOR PRESIDENT FORD: QUOTE: HIS EXCELLENCY, MR. GERALD R. FORD, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, WASHINGTON, D.C.: ON THE OCCASION OF THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE AMERICAN-SOVIET SPACE PROJECT APOLLO-SOYUZ, I EXTEND TO YOU, ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLES OF YUGOSLAVIA AND IN MY OWN NAME, MY MOST CORDIAL CONGRATULATIONS. I AM CONVINCED THAT THE RESULTS OF THIS IMPORTANT MISSION IN THE EXPLORATION OF SPACE MAY BE OF A GREAT SCIENTIFIC IMPORTANCE TO THE WHOLE MANKIND AND THAT THEY MAY GIVE A FRESH CONTRIBUTION TO THE PEACEFUL INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION. JOSIP BROZ TITO. UNQUOTE.

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE TEXT OF THE REPLY, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO ITS RELEASE BY THE GOY. KISSINGER

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